## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN APPLICATION BY THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND ) CASE NO. POWER COMPANY FOR PERMISSION TO DEVIATE FROM ) 94-436 RULE 807 KAR 5:022, PERIODIC TESTS, SECTION ) 8, PARAGRAPH 5

## ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that The Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") shall file the original and 10 copies of the following information with the Commission, with a copy to all parties of record within 20 days from the date of this Order. ULH&P shall furnish with each response the name of the witness who will be available to respond to questions concerning each item of information should a public hearing be scheduled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an informal conference will be held on March 1, 1995, 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Engineering Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 677 Comanche Trail, Frankfort, Kentucky, to discuss the responses requested herein.

- 1. Provide the number of each type of gas meters that are installed by ULH&P for its customers. Segregate the meters according to their capacity, case type, diaphragm type, and year set.
- 2. Refer to item 4, page 3, of ULH&P's application. Explain why an age extension of periodic testing is more effective than

sample testing. When is ULH&P planning to reevaluate sample test-ing?

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- 3. How is accurate measurement of gas delivered to ULH&P's customers assured by the proposed deviation?
- 4. How does ULH&P propose to evaluate the performance of its meters on a continuous basis if the periodic testing period is extended?
- 5. Is there any plan for early detection of unacceptable performance? Explain in detail.
- 6. How will ULH&P identify and remove any type of meter which performs below the acceptable standards prior to the proposed periods for testing? Explain.
- 7. Refer to Exhibit 1 of ULH&P's application, performance data. Why are new meters included in the performance data? Reformat the information for only in service meters, 14 years for meters under 500 cubic feet per hour, 10 years for meters 500 to 1500 cubic feet per hour, and 2 years for meters above 1500 cubic feet per hour. Provide separate columns for each type of meters.
- 8. Is ULH&P excluding any type of meters from its requested deviation? Explain.
- 9. Provide any studies and statistical analyses performed by ULH&P to support the proposed testing frequency.
  - 10. How many inside meters are in ULH&P's distribution system?
  - 11. How often are the inside meters tested for leaks?
- 12. Will curb box operability inspections be extended to the proposed meter testing interval?

- 13. Provide history of leakage or failure of service regulators for the last 14 years.
- 14. Provide evidence that gas safety will not be compromised by extending periodic testing under ULH&P's proposal.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of February, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director